

Wilmington Youth Soccer Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Sunday March 6,2022

4th of July Building

Directors Present: TJ Lawrence, Nate Tarin, Darwin Molina, Melissa Fiore, Brian Mahnken, Richard Wills, Bo Brugel, Megan Najarian, Richard Pereira, Ed White, Carol Hughes, Dennis Marasca, Melissa Goldstein, Frank DiGiovanni, Billy Long (7:00)

Guest: James Payne

Directors Absent: Jess Scanlon ,Blessing Chimwanda, Carl Hartford, Fernando Marinho

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Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm

I. President:

A. Welcome

II. Secretary:

A. Motion to approve February 2022 minutes by Billy Long, second by Bo Brugel passes 15-0-0

III. VP of Development

A. Email Update

B. PCD meeting went well; agenda built for the year

C. Motion PCD charter (what committee is, how it is made up, its purpose; no 'formal' authority – all goes to board for approval; TJ motion; Bo second; 1 abstention Ed; 13 favor; 0 against

D. Motion 2nd grade rule updates (Darwin & TJ marked up several years ago; reviewed with committee and cleaned up how it is operating today; no major changes; tabled discussion of introducing offsides to future PCD meeting to better intro them to travel program – inc. direct/indirect kicks); TJ motion; Melissa 2nd; 0 against; 0 abstain; 14 favor

E. Discipline policy (committee that governs where issue occurs will investigate and decide if hearing needed or incident review committee made of 3 board members;

1. **Motion** for \$100 non-refundable fee for appeal (TJ stated we discussed different costs and settled on \$100 nonrefundable fee; MA youth and Middlesex are \$300 and \$200 respectively) ; TJ motion; Brian second ; 0 against; 0 abstain; 14 favor
2. **Motion** for full discipline policy; TJ motion; Nate second; 14 favor; 0 abstain; 0 against

If the group has any additional topics for PCD to cover, please submit to TJ.

Rich will post three new policies to the web.

IV. Treasurer:

- A. Bo reviewed 2022 Budget
- B. Additional 7v7 frame/nets required with new set up added to budget (item 71).
- C. While the budget is in the red, there are other areas expected to cover including healthy reserves.
- D. Bo suggested we demonstrate what the group is investing in with new nets/frames, concessions, etc by sharing photos or descriptions of investments the group makes to our membership.
- E. Bo asked Rich Willis about Nikki photography line item; Rich explained photos to improve the website for publicity; some discussion if worth using her for team photos but current vendor offers a good sharing of profits with WYSA and not something we want to consider altering although many agreed organization is key to success for photo day; at this time; future point of conversation to discuss whether to reach out to other photographers to identify the best offer for WYSA for candid/website photos
- F. **Motion** to approve budget 'as is' noting increase in line item 71 from 2K to 5K; Bo motion; 2nd by Frank; 0 against; 0 abstain; 14 favor

V. VP of Admin:

- A. Email update
- B. Scholarship application process is underway.
- C. Parent volunteers have been identified to participate in review.
- D. No Wildcat FC updates besides what John has shared

VI. Travel:

- A. Email update
- B. Schedule should be coming out in the next couple days for travel to review.
- C. HS teams have been announced; all coaches accepted;
- D. Per question by Blessing last meeting - girls 18+ only one town put a team in (9-12 graders mix); really more of a U16 team

E. Coaches meeting in person Thursday 3/24 with 7pm intown and 8pm travel; info already posted on website; email going out Thursday to travel coaches about attendance

VII. Fundraising:

- A. Do we want to bring back Parents Night Out? Unanimous agreement
- B. Host CPR/First Aid for coaches; basics of AED
- C. We did have lined up the Spring before COVID hit

VIII. Travel Refs:

- A. Email update
 - B. MYSL increased ref fees to 35,45,60 They did \$10 increase; MYSL covers in Spring then towns expected to cover in Fall
 - C. Recertification is still under way. Uncertain on the number recertifying as MSRC is slow at updating until they have completed their requirements. Some of our veteran referees are still going thru the process
 - D. new refs for WYSA looks to be 5, with 2 adults. Exposure to MSRC courses has allowed me to see that we are picking up a bunch of new referees all across MYSL including Everett, Malden, Charlestown and Medford.
 - E. coaches meeting should be on March 27th
 - F. NE Revs update- sending a list of active families to the front office running the free ticket program. They have April 30th, for WYSA Revs night out. Messaging to be sent by them.
 - 1. U10 night will be April 16th

IX. Intown

- A. Email update
 - B. Spring Registrations Continue to Roll In
 - 1. 473 players 61 coaches as of 2/26
 - 2. Uniforms ordered: 493 Jerseys, 455 Socks, requested 3/18 delivery, New "Iceland" style PreK Jerseys
 - 3. Other items planning to order for opening week:
 - a) Soccer balls: 75 new players requiring balls. ~40 in stock. Ordering 75 new balls
 - b) Patches: have reached out to American Patch. Will order sufficient stock for Spring and Fall
 - c) Coaches shirts, current inventory low: 3XL (1), 2XL (3), XL (0), L(0), M (10), S (2)
 - d) Pinnies, disc cones, small cones, ice packs, whistles
 - 4. Coaches meeting to be held on 3/24 at Shawsheen

5. Practice/game times unchanged from Fall – coordinating fields with travel

C. Megan provided an update that there are 13 teams without any coach (2 boys preK; 5 girls preK; 6 boys 1st grade); there are many teams with only one coach. Carl will be working on updated communication asking for coach volunteers.

X. Intown Refs:

A. No update

XI. Fields & Buildings:

A. Field layout accepted.

B. Reminder of replacement bathroom doors; Frank will work on

XII. Merchandise:

A. No Update

XIII. Concessions:

A. No update

XIV. Registrar:

A. Intown rolling in with late fees attached.

B. Email to go out to travel coaches for lanyards; then move to Intown communication on lanyards

XV. Webmaster:

A. Website has been updated with all events. If anyone changes anything please send changes to Rich.

B. Any documents sent out by Intown or Travel please send to Rich for posting on the website.

C. Email changes will be held until Summer when there will be less email traffic.

XVI. COVID Officer

A. No update

XVII. Director of Coaching:

A. Email update

B. 19 coaches registered so far for coaches training on March 26

C. Futsal in third week (second session) all groups at capacity

WYSA Spring Player Development Program and Clinics:

- i. HS Mentor Program - Registration OPENS Monday.
- ii. April Vacation Clinic - April 18th-21st - **63** Registered ;
- iii. Spring PDP's - Set to start week of April 25th and end week of May 30th
- iv. GK Clinic - TBD

Wildcats Football Club:

- i. WFC Junior Academy at DIS in Wilmington to generate interest for 2012s/2013s - scheduled x2 Fridays, **January 21st** + March 11th - **17+** players registered • NEP Season to begin April 3rd
- ii. Spring ID Clinics - May 9th + May 23rd
- iii. WFC Player Evaluations - June 6th + June 9th

XVIII. League Relations

Per Rich; Fernando will have meeting being called week of 3/7

Rich talked to Dean Sidell (Essex league president); for us to be accepted it has to go in front of all towns to vote us in; they don't bring in towns under sanctions (Sanctions technically through Dec 2022)

Dean is more in favor of us taking slower approach; next meeting end of May; long term planning would be Nov for following Fall start

Mike King forwarded Rich 9/1 letter to Middlesex that we are looking at options for Fall 2022

Rich spoke with Kevin Brothers (Woburn president; Boy commissioner for Essex); led Woburn to move over; cons to Essex - locations far and some have less games per season; pros to Essex - more organized and transparent

Essex league fee structure – would be 17% increase (approx.. \$5K annual difference)

No concern from group with thinking of Nov as target and moving forward on preparing

XIX. New Business

- A. Travel sub comm: Nate motion; Darwin 2nd
- B. Nate Tarin; Melissa Fiore, Darwin Molina, Brian Mahnekan, Blessing Chimwanda, Rob Delio, Holly Fitzgerald, Mike Geldhrdt, Mike King
- C. Discussion VP of dev should be included: add TJ
- D. Bo – Salem Five sponsoring us again with \$1K
- E. Rich – brought up John Bavota looking into leasing indoor space for future off-season

Executive session

Motion by Bo Brugel second by Melissa Goldstein to go into executive session passes 16-0-1

Motion to exit executive session - Melissa Fiore second by TJ Lawrence passes 15-0-0

Motion to adjourn by Nate Tarin second by TJ Lawrence passes 15-0-0

Next meeting:

April 3rd @ 6:00 PM @ 4th of July building

Respectfully submitted,

William Long

Secretary